

I strongly OPPOSE S.B. No. 477 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

Sec. 7. of this bill will establish a 21-member Commission on Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention to coordinate the funding and implementation of programs and strategies to reduce community gun violence in the state. By awarding grants and guidance to organizations working toward reducing gun violence and allow the commission to accept any gift, donation, or bequest for the purpose of performing their duties.

Who will be on this Commission? Members of organizations that have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars lobby for gun control here in Connecticut. Representatives from organizations like CT Against Gun Violence and Mothers United Against Gun Violence.

I strongly OPPOSE H.B. No. 5397 AN ACT DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION.

This bill will declare that gun violence constitutes a public health crisis, which is junk science by itself, and will continue to constitute to be a public health crisis until their goal are attained, and it will establish an Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

If either of these bills were focused on the prevention of the violence that has become so prevalent in our society regardless of the tools used (misused), and included real methods to actually achieve that aim, I would be in full support, but since both of these bills are clearly not so focused, I respectfully ask that you drop these bills and work on the real problems we face.

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